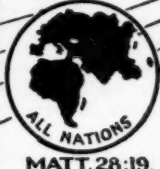




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NOTICES

The Church of God at High Point, N.C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Miss Specie Rochester and Franklin Smits. If we don't hear from them soon their names will be dropped from the roll.—Elsie Rose, clerk, West Side Station, High Point, N. C.

There will be an all day meeting and home coming at the St. Albans, W. Va. Church of God on Sept. 24 at Stop 17 on the St. Albans car line. Everybody come and bring baskets. Let's have a joyful day in the Lord.—Opal Harper, clerk, St. Albans, W. Va.

To the Church of God in Indiana: I would like for the State of Indiana to be represented in Bible School this year. We have a worthy young man here at Shelbyburn who wants to go. He is talented in music and I am sure he will do a good work for the Lord if he has a chance. I would like to see the churches of this state make up the money and send him. I have promised to give \$5.00 myself. I am sure you will be giving your money for a worthy cause. Let me hear from each church with a good donation.—C. H. Standifer, Overseer of Indiana.

Any church wanting a pastor for another year, get in touch with me. I am not afraid of hard places.—Your brother, S. J. Mullins, Arjay, Ky.

The Church of God at Gossville would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of W. C. Payne and M. J. Reed. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped from the roll.—Myrtle Tapp, secretary, Rt. 3, Telephone, Tex.

The Church of God at Draper, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Lizzie Cabler, Lillie Crahfors, Maggie Beech, and Ethel Hudley. If not heard from by next conference, their names will be dropped from the roll.—M. J. Hopkins, clerk, Box 204, Draper, N. C.

AN EXPLANATION

To whom it may concern: I take this method to explain the notice which appeared in the Evangel, July 22 issue, in which W. S. Wilemon's name appeared. We are very sorry his name was in this list, as some one might think this was intended to reflect on him or that there were charges or complaint against him, which is not the case. We have a large number of folks on the church book as members here and we don't know where they are and they never write or attend church either, so we had our council meeting arranging for our conference and in talking over matters it was decided by the council for the clerk to write a notice to the paper to try and get in touch with members whose addresses he

did not know. There were no names singled out at all, just those whose addresses were not known, so this is why Brother Wilemon's name was in the list. The clerk just did not know their addresses at the time he made out the list. The clerk informs me that there was no intention of any reflection on Brother Wilemon at all, but he just took the names that appeared on the book that he did not know their addresses. I did not know that Brother Wilemon's name was in the list until it was too late to avoid it, so I have written to Brother Wilemon an explanation of the matter, and am writing this to clear up the matter. The clerk did not do this to reflect on any one, but was just doing what the council advised him to do. If I had known that Brother Wilemon's name was going to be on the list I would have advised leaving it off, but it was all done with good intentions, and we sincerely trust that all minds will be clear in this matter with no ill will or feelings toward any one. Brother Cole later found out that Brother Wilemon had written to some of the other members here who perhaps could have given him their address, but did not know it at the time the list was sent in. We are very sorry this happened, and trust any who read the notice will understand that there are no reflections on any one, and there are no complaints against Brother Wilemon by the church.—Humbly, J. A. Self.

CORRECTION

The amount of \$6.54 which appears in the July Orphanage Report sent to us from White Heath, Ill. should have been credited to the Sunday School at Urbana, Ill.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brother Johnson is still suffering from a broken leg and sternum, also other minor and internal bruises. Sister Johnson is suffering with four broken ribs, one is broken twice, also internal and body bruises. Both are confined to bed and can't move without aid. Continue to pray.

To the ministers and churches of Georgia and elsewhere: While at the Texas camp meeting, I asked Evangelist and Mrs. J. M. Cockerell to come to Georgia with us and do some evangelistic work up to the General Assembly. But on returning (as you know) we had a wreck, I suffered a broken leg, and other injuries in family. Now since the wreck I will not be able to carry out my plans for Brother and Sister Cockerell, therefore, the churches that desire to have a revival get in touch with Brother and Sister Cockerell and party at once. His address will be 847 Ponders Ave., in care of R. P. Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.

Brother and Sister Cockerell are both good evangelists, and they certainly will be a blessing to your church and community. Let them hear from you immediately.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer of Georgia.

To whom it may concern and to all the Church of God people in the North Wilkesboro district, our district convention will convene at Pineola, N. C., Sept. 1-3. Our state overseer will be with us. All ministers are specially requested to be present.—T. C. Wiggins, district overseer.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for me. The doctor says I have cancer. Also pray for Sister Ollie McKinney, our pastor's wife.—Mrs. H. Rudd, Marion, N. C.

Dear brothers and sisters everywhere, about a week and a half ago my oldest son's foot got very badly hurt and has proud flesh in it at present. Please join me in prayer for his healing. We are trusting God.—Your humble brother in Christ, Jas. S. Roberts, Brunswick, Ga.

I praise the Lord this morning for His goodness and tender mercy, for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I love the dear Lord and His church although I do not have the privilege like some to attend, but I am looking for a day when we will be happy, singing, praying, shouting together in the mansion in the skies, praise His dear name!

Dear saints everywhere, will you please pray that the Lord will heal my daughter. She has been threatened with appendicitis. She was taken ill very suddenly with her side and fever. The only thing I knew to do was to call upon the dear Lord who can do all things. He blessed inasmuch as she rested very well that night, but He hasn't completely healed her as she is still suffering some. Pray that He will completely heal her.—Mrs. Earl Priester, Jesup, Ga.

I praise the Lord for healing my baby. I ask the prayers of all that I may also be healed as my body is afflicted. I am sure the baby is healed and I thank the Lord so much.—Beulah Culpepper, Remerton, Ga.

I am so glad of salvation that keeps me each day, also I am glad I accepted Jesus. He helps me when I am sick. I ask the saints to pray for me, also three of my children need prayer for their healing. I know the Lord can heal. I am requesting prayer for my husband. He has left home, and I want God to save his soul and send him back home that he may help me raise my children. Jesus has said if we would keep His commandments that whatsoever we would ask in His name He would do it, and I believe it. Pray for me that I may keep this sweet Holy Ghost and do what God would have me do.—Mrs. R. O. Ragsdale, Summiton, Ala.

Please pray for my husband's healing.

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The Mystery of the Soul

By ALBERT REEVES

WHAT is the soul? Is it physical or spiritual substance? Is it mortal or immortal? Is it a being or an attribute of a being? Questions answered: The soul is of spiritual substance and is immortal and is an attribute of a being, both of the Creator and creature; both God and man have a soul. Compare Isa. 1:14; 42:1 with Job 10:1. The soul and spirit constitute the "inward man," Rom. 7:22. "And his flesh upon him" (Job 14:22) constitutes the "outward man," 2 Cor. 4:16; 5:1-8.

The soul is such a predominating nature as to so control the spirit (of which it is but an attribute) that it is often referred to as the spirit (as in Gen. 35:18; 1 Kings 17:21, 22; Matt. 10:28; Luke 8:5; Rev. 6:9, 10; 20:4). That the soul is of spiritual substance is evinced by the fact that God has a soul. Jesus said, "God is a spirit," St. John 4:24. And in Num. 23:19 we read, "God is not man, nor the Son of man." And we are assured in Luke 24:39 that He has not a physical body. The fact that God did exist as a Spirit before there was anything material, or mortal, and did create all things, and that He has a soul, forever precludes the idea that the soul is mortal. Remember that from all eternity the spirit and soul were immortal, as sure as God from all eternity was immortal, and as both the spirit and soul (as the inward man) are "the offsprings of God" (Acts 17:29), they are immortal.

God often speaks of the passions of His soul, saying, "My soul hateth," "My soul delighteth." Then if man with his soul is an offspring of God, his soul is derived from the soul of God and his spirit (which is a child of God, Luke 3:38; Rom. 8:16; Heb. 12:9) is also derived from God, hence, "After the similitude of God (James 3:6-9), immortal; so then if God is an immortal Spirit with an immortal soul, and did exist before all things, and did create the heavens and the earth and "the spirit of all flesh" (Num. 27:16), man and beast, fowl and fish, and did grant that they be clothed ("every one after his kind") in physical bodies, formed of the substance of the earth, and did create the wind that they

could have air and breath, and if He did bring man into being as the magnum opus of His created Kosmos, that is to say, His child and offspring, in His image, and after His similitude, a spirit being with "his soul within him" (Gen. 1:27; Job 14:10-22; Acts 18:29; Rom. 8:16; Heb. 12:9), and then clothed in a body of "flesh and blood," as He subsequently did Jesus Christ (Heb. 2:14; 10:5), then the fact is established that man, the "inward man," is a being whose substance was derived from God (if language is worth anything). So it is but brainless nonsense to contend that the spirit or soul is mortal, or that the primary meaning of any word used in any language to signify spirit was wind, air, or breath; or to contend that man "has not a soul, but that all creatures of mankind are souls." Such contentions contradict the Word of God, for we read of Him saying, "My soul, "your soul," "his soul," "her soul," "the soul of man," "the child's soul "the souls of them that were slain;" so the fact remains that both God and man hath a soul, and that the soul of man is after the similitude of the soul of God (immortal), for if man (the inward man of Gen. 1:27) was created in the image of God and made after His similitude, His child, yea, "His offsprings" (as the scriptures teach) all men who understand the mode of oriental expression must admit the following facts:

First, that for man to be created not only a child, but an offspring of God, not only in His image, but also after His similitude, He of necessity had to be created an immortal spirit with an immortal "soul within him." No other kind of a creature could of a truth be a child, an offspring and image of God, after His similitude.

Second, if man was not created an immortal spirit, with an immortal soul, then Moses, Job, and James were all mistaken about his having been created a spirit, or ghost, with "his soul within him" (Job 14:10-22), in the image and after the similitude of God, for if either he, as a spirit or ghost, or his soul, was mortal, it is certain that he was not created in

the image and after the similitude of God, unless God and His soul is mortal, because man could not bear such relation to God and such similarity of God, and he and his soul be mortal, and God and His soul immortal. Please do not forget that it was not the created inward man of Gen. 1:27 that was called the "mortal man" in Job 4:17, but "the outward man" of Gen. 2:7 (2 Cor. 4:16). The "mortal man" is the mortal body (Job 4:17; Rom. 6:12), or "the thing formed" (Rom. 9:20, 21; 2 Peter 1:13, 14).

The scriptures nowhere teach that the "mortal man, or outward man, or "mortal body," which was formed of dust (Gen. 2:7) was either created, formed, or made, either in the image, likeness, or after the similitude of God, because nothing mortal can be after the similitude of God in the true sense of the word. The outward man, or mortal body, of our Savior (though a child of God) is nowhere said to be an image of God, or after His similitude, but to the contrary it was said to be "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Rom. 8:3, a mortal body), which "was made in the likeness of man" (Phil. 2:7); made after the similitude of the earth, man of Gen. 2:7, but his spirit and soul was in the image and after the similitude of God, yea, "in the form of God" (Phil. 2:6), yea, "the express image of his person" (Heb. 1:3). But not so of his body before its resurrection. He said to man who was then looking upon his body, "And the Father, * * * ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen His shape" (or image, St. John 5:37). They could see his body which was in the likeness of the mortal, outward man of Gen. 2:7, but could not see his spirit, or soul, which was the image, and after the similitude of God. So it was not the mortal "outward man," formed of dust (Gen. 2:7), who was an image of and made after the similitude of God, but it was the immortal man of Gen. 1:27. The outward man of Gen. 2:7 is an image of things earthy," 1 Cor. 15:49.

Some contend that the term "Immortal soul" does not occur in the Bible. The death of the soul as taught in the scrip-

tures does not warrant such a conclusion, because the death of the soul is only an "alienation from the life of God." See Eph. 2:1-5; 4:18; 1 Tim. 5:6; Col. 2:1-13; 3:1-21. Such a death does not destroy natural life, physical strength, vital force, nor conscious existence. One can consciously "live in pleasure" while thus dead (1 Tim. 5:8) and those thus dead can dig graves and bury dead bodies (Matt. 8:22), and then the same soul, "alienated from the life of God" (Eph. 1:15) and "dead in sins" (Eph. 2:1-5), who "live in pleasure," "dead while they live" (1 Tim. 5:6), can die again, "dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God" (Rom. 6:1-11; Col. 3:1-4), without proving it mortal. So the fact that the soul can, by sin, die in sin and be "dead in sins" while it lives in sinful pleasure, is no more an evidence that it is mortal than the recorded fact that it can arise from that death in sin (Eph. 5:14) and die "dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God," is an evidence that it is mortal, so we see that neither the death of the soul in sin, or to sin, is any evidence that it is mortal. Because in either case it is alive all the while it is dead; while dead in sin it lives in sinful pleasure and while dead to sin it lives unto God. (Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life.)

The terms "moral" and "mortality" are never used in scripture in reference to or in connection with any spirit or soul. Such beings never were, nor will be, mortal. The very terms "spirit" or "soul" are in their significance stronger terms used by inspiration to signify endless existence than the more feeble expression "immortality," because the word immortality does admit the fact that the thing referred to had been mortal before it put on immortality. It is the mortal body alone that the scriptures speak of as putting on immortality. No spirit or soul is referred to in scripture as changing from mortal to immortal, because the term "spirit" would never admit the idea of mortality, if so a spiritual body would continue to be a mortal body (1 Cor.) So there is no stronger terms in any language to signify endless existence than the words used in every language to signify spirit or soul, for they both originate in God (Isa. 42:1).

Try to think if you can of a mortal spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44). When our Lord would impress upon our minds the fact of the eternal existence of God, He didn't say that God is immortal (perhaps because that might have left the impression that God had at some time been mortal. (Study 1 Cor. 15:53,54). But when He said, "God is a spirit" (St. John 4:24) that forever settles the fact of his endless existence. And that he never was mortal and never did nor never will have to put on immortality. And when God said, "My soul," that forever established the fact that the soul is not mortal, because there is nothing mortal about God "the Father."

It seems that some of our great scholars have concluded that the Hebrew word

"nephes," used to signify the "soul," is like its Greek equivalent "psyche," so very equivocal in its meaning as to be used by the inspired writers to signify everything in general and nothing in particular, and is used to signify the spirit, life, mind, passions, and even the mortal body (any creature and any attribute of their nature), and some seem to think that the best definition of the word for soul in any language is "person," or "creature." Such ideas have led the more ignorant to conclude that man does not possess a soul, but that he is himself a soul. But we cannot admit such theories as wholly true because the scriptures clearly teach that man is dual or tripartite being consisting of a spirit and a soul and a body (1 Thess. 5:23), and different Greek words are used to signify each component part—spirit (pneuma), soul (psyche), body (coma). That man is a spirit with "his soul within" and "his flesh upon him" (Job 14:1-3; 10:22) there can or should be no doubt.

The things of the soul: I admit that the soul is part of the spirit or inward man, that he (the spirit) is often called the soul as in Gen. 2:7 where we read that the spirit man "became a living soul," as it was not the outward man of dust, Gen. 2:7, but the inward man of Gen. 1:2-7 who became a living soul (or self-conscious life) as he entered the body prepared for him. And we read of Rachel's spirit being called her soul, as it was departing from her dying body. Her body died because it was mortal, and her soul or spirit departed because it was immortal and could not die with the body. Gen. 35:18; Job 14:1-3, 10; Psa. 90:10; Matt. 10:28). In 1 Kings 17:21, 22 we read of the spirit of the child (which departed out of the dying body as it died and came back because it was immortal), being called the soul. Again in Matt. 10:28, where Jesus makes a clear distinction between the "mortal outward man" and the "immortal inward man," He calls the spirit "the soul." A man can kill the body because it is mortal, but cannot kill the soul because it is immortal. St. John verified these stated facts of our Lord when he said, "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain," Rev. 6:9. Their bodies were slain because they were mortal, the souls survived because they were immortal. "I saw under the altar," not them that were slain, not the blood of them that were slain, but "the souls of them that were slain." Those who could and did kill their bodies could not and did not kill the souls (Matt. 10:28; Rev. 6:9, 10), and those souls were crying over their blood, their bodies slain, their blood shed. Please note their cry, "Avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth." (Their murderers were yet on the earth but they were in paradise above). Please note the fact that it was neither the dead bodies, shed blood, nor animal lives of them that were slain, that were crying for retribution, because their animal lives had departed with the "living souls," and could not return until their "souls come back" (1 Kings 17:21, 22;

Luke 8:55), but divested of all that is mortal the "living souls" were consciously existing in paradise, (2 Kings 2:11; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; 2 Cor. 12:3, 4) "under the altar" (Rev. 8:3, 5). So it is absurd nonsense to contend that it was either the animal lives, dead bodies, shed blood, or anything else that was mortal that St. John saw and heard crying for retribution. If the statements made by him are true, as said to be (Rev. 21:5), it was the living, immortal souls still existing in their immortal spirit as at the beginning (Gen. 1:27), not only retaining consciousness and voice, but their individuality also (every one of them). "And white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them" (Vv. 10, 11). Notice, some one was talking to them, but some contend that "this was only a vision." But I ask, A vision of what? There can be but one true, sane answer, and that is, a vision of martyred saints. Then I ask, What did he, as a prophet of God, see? There can be but one true answer and that is that he saw and heard the "living souls" or saints out of their murdered bodies, divested of all that was mortal, still consciously existing in paradise, fully vindicating the truth of God by Jesus Christ, Matt. 10:28, still living souls, in the image of God, still His offsprings made "after the similitude of God," Jas. 3:6-9, that is to say, spirit beings with living souls, "within them," (Job 14:22).

If you will compare Isa. 4:21; St. Jno. 4:24 with Job 14:10-22, you will find that both God and man are spirit beings with "souls within them." Man is a spirit with "his soul within him," and "his flesh upon him" (Job 14:10-22) and so was Jesus Christ. Compare Matt. 26:38; 27:50; Rom. 8:3; Phil. 2:7. So it is the spirit man with "his soul within him" that constitutes "the inward man" (Rom. 7:22) the immortal "image of God," "his child," yea, his own "offspring" (Acts 17:29), "made after the similitude of God," the "living soul" that no man can kill (Matt. 10:28; Rev. 6:9, 10). "Their worm that dieth not." You will observe that the prophets of God saw in visions many events that literally came to pass, just as they saw them in visions, and the Book of Revelation is a book of prophecy (visions of "things which must be hereafter," Rev. 4:1). Then the words of John's vision of those "living souls" are "the words of the book of this prophecy" which "must be hereafter" Rev. 4:1. Then we read, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city" (Rev. 22:19). I also admit that the life, mind and passions of the being (Creator or creature, good or evil) are so inseparably apart, or parts of the soul (tho' they are but attributes of the soul, subject to change from good to evil, or from evil to good, but can never cease to exist in and with the soul) that they often seem to be the soul itself. And although they are not the soul, they are "things of the soul." The blood, though a separable portion or

part of the soul without which it can consciously exist, is nevertheless a thing of the soul. Please notice how emphatic, as well as just, the claim is which those souls hold on their blood ("our blood"). Please do not forget the fact that those are "living souls," "out of the body," 2 Cor. 5:8, "caught up into paradise," 2 Cor. 12:4, "under the altar," Rev. 6:9, which altar was in the sanctum sanctorum

above them, Rev. 8:1-5, still holding claim on their blood; but while all the attributes of the soul separable and inseparable, body, blood, life, mind, and passions are things of the soul, they absolutely are not the soul, no matter how much they seem to be nor can they be any more than the attributes of the soul of God can be the soul of God.

Glorification of the Saints

By H. V. MILLER

WHEN Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.—Col. 3:4.

This text depicts the time when the saints of God are to be exalted in glory.

"He that exalteth himself shall be abased, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:1. There is a self-exaltation which abases those of whom it takes possession. Self-exaltation will reach its climax in the person of Antichrist. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or is worshipped." 2 Thess. 2:4. The proud expression of self-will caused the downfall of Satan while he was yet an angel of light and an anointed cherub (Is. 11:12-17; Ezek. 28:15-17). It will bring a speedy downfall to the embodiment of Satan as he for a short time reigns as a willful king in the person of Antichrist. So far as the same attitude is found in any of God's created beings, they are to that extent out of harmony with the government of God and subject to the penalties of rebellion.

Contrasted to the dark picture of self-exaltation and its results, there is another picture: that of the exaltation which is reserved for those who being graciously reconciled, humbly and obediently submit themselves to the will of God. God Himself will exalt such. Perhaps we have a type of this in Esther, when in answer to the question, "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor?" we hear the reply, "Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, * * * that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honor" (Esther 6:6-9). Rom. 9:22-23 says, "What if God, willing to shew his wrath and make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy which he had afore PREPARED UNTO GLORY."

In the Syriac Testament Col. 3:4 is rendered, "When Christ who is our life shall be manifested, then shall ye also be manifested with him in glory." This "glory" in which the saints of God are to be manifested, is not a place. The word "glory" is not to be used as a synonym for heaven. Glory is not a location, but a state of being. It is that exaltation with which God will exalt and glorify His translated Church. The whole creation,

for the most part unknowingly, is waiting for this transformation to take place. This event will be a signal for the renovating of the earth, the binding of every force not subject to the will of God, and the undoing of the blighting and corrupting effects of sin. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now * * * for the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the MANIFESTATION of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19). The word "manifest" means to make known, reveal or bring forth. All creation is groaning under an awful burden of iniquity and must continue in its travail until the time when the "sons of God" are revealed and Jesus Christ shall come "to be glorified IN His saints, and to be admired IN all them that believe," 2 Thess 1:10.

No human effort can cure earth's ills. Not until the whole creation becomes completely submissive to the will of God can there be peace upon the earth. Then time is certainly to come. "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:11. Jesus came into the world to effect a restoration of the lost creation to its original ownership and purposes. He must rule until all enemies are put under His feet (1 Cor. 15:25), and when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. 1 Cor. 15:28.

Having made preliminary arrangements for man's restoration by buying the lost creation out of the hands of the rebel hosts who had taken advantage of the free moral agency of man to gain control of it, the purchaser, Jesus Christ, has returned for a time to the heavens until the continuation of the restoration shall call for Him to again visit the earth; this time to tabernacle with men and reign as king for 1000 years.

There is first the selection of a remnant of faithful souls, whose loyalty is proved through the trials and temptations of their probation. Then these chosen or elect individuals are to be revealed or made known, that they may receive the "glory" afore prepared for them; and finally, the rest of the groaning creation is to be released from the bondage to which it has been unwillingly subjected (Rom. 8:20-21).

In Matthew, chapter 13, Jesus describes His advent into the world as a "merchant man seeking goodly pearls, who, when He had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it," vv. 45-46. To Jesus the Church of God is a goodly pearl and to obtain it He "gave himself for it that he might * * * PRESENT IT UNTO HIMSELF" a glorious Church." Eph. 5:25-27. Voluntary loyalty to God, such as characterizes the disposition of the true church, is a rare and precious jewel to Him. The affectionate devotion of the saints to their Creator is a supreme object of His desire, if not the prime object of creation. Rev. 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and FOR THY PLEASURE they are and were created." "The whole creation waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Rom. 8:19. In the meantime a seal has been affixed by the buyer to His purchased possession, pending its removal. Eph. 1:13-14, "After that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest (or evidence) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

The gathering together of the elect and the presentation of them unto Himself will be a reward to Christ for His sufferings. This event will be "unto the praise of his glory," Eph. 1:14. Psalm 22, which describes the agony of Christ accomplishing redemption, ends with a statement that "a seed shall serve him; IT shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation." Isa. 53, which also vividly pictures the suffering Christ, says in verse 11, "He shall see the travail of his soul and BE SATISFIED." It was revealed to the apostles in council (See Acts 15:16) that, "God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME." The great object of this dispensation is not the conversion of the world at large but the gathering out of an elect remnant, "a people for his name," a company who of their own glad choice adore, obey and praise God for His own sake. The high place that this selected company holds in the esteem of God is made plain not only by the promises of future glory which are made concerning it, but by a realization of the present position this company holds in relation to the fallen creation.

When Satan and certain other created beings of the angelic order became willfully unsubmissive to divine government, another section of the angelic hosts remained loyal and have become "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be the heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14).

Even Jesus was appealed to to join the rebel faction. Satan showed Him all the kingdoms, power and glory of the world and said, "All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9). But of Jesus it was written, "Lo, I come to do THY will, O God," Heb. 10:7. To the very end of His

testing Jesus remained perfectly loyal to God. "Obedient unto death" (Paff. 2:3). Having laid aside His heavenly glory, and come into the world as the "man Christ" Jesus was "in all points tempted like as we are, YET without sin" (Heb. 4:15). By nature He shrank from suffering as all flesh does. In the garden He prayed "Let this cup pass from me, NEVERTHELESS NOT AS I WILL BUT AS THOU WILT" (Matt. 26:39). "It became him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through suffering (Heb. 4:10). "Being found in fashion as a man he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, WHEREFORE God also hath highly exalted him," Phil. 2:8-9. Toward the end of the testings that Christ had to undergo as a son of man, He could say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). All the devices of the enemy failed to bring about His overthrow.

The true church appears as another section of creation, voluntarily submissive to the government of God. Through the many conflicts and trials of her earthly probation: the mist of imperfect knowledge, the limitations of mortality, the seductive snares and open assaults of the devil, the true Church proves her fidelity. Some glad day, the purposes of earthly probation being completed, she will be exalted and glorified together with her Lord. "If so be that we suffer with him that we may be glorified together" (Rom. 8:17). One of the apostles wrote to a representative section of the church as follows: 2 Cor. 11:2, "I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." In the day of rapture and the consummation of the covenant the virgin church will be gloriously revealed as of proven worth. While the rest of mankind by choice "worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator" (Rom. 1:25), the church remained a remnant who chose to honor the Creator and do His will. The Creator and the rebel hosts have contended together since creation for the allegiance of men. By some unknown arrangement Satan on his part has been permitted to use various means to gain his ends. God appeals to the hearts of His created beings to recognize and obey His will, and for His own sake to serve Him. His great commandment to all creation is: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37). The choice is left entirely to man. The result of the choice is settled before it is made. "Ye are his to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey" (Rom. 6:16). "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve" (Josh. 24:15). This contention or controversy over the allegiance of men has

continued for centuries, but a time has been appointed when it will end. As that time nears, Satan will have "great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). As it concludes, "All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens (airy regions) shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host (inhabitants) shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine * * * for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and THE YEAR OF RECOMPENCES OF THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION" (Isa. 34:4-7).

The language of Solomon's song tenderly voices the love of the Lord for His waiting Church. S. Sol. 6:8-9, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. MY DOVE, MY UNDEFILED IS BUT ONE." The faithful, undefiled, company of God's elect is to be elevated to so high a place as to be described as the FULLNESS of him that filleth all in all," Eph. 1:22-23. The Church, which is His body, is the "FULLNESS of him that filleth all in all." By this we understand that the pleasure and delight of God in the raptured saints will be supreme and complete—to the full.

After the union of Christ and the raptured saints has been effected they will together continue the work of fully subjecting all creation to God. The next undertaking in order to bring this about will be the coming back to earth of Christ with His saints to establish righteous

government upon the earth. Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:3), Christ will rule with a rod of iron (Ps. 2:9), He will judge righteous judgment (Is. 11:5). The meek and the poor will receive righteous treatment (Is. 11:4). All creation will be at peace, "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid" (Is. 11:6-7). "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord: as the waters cover the sea" (Is. 11:9). The dispersed Jews will be regathered (Is. 11:11) and "out of Zion, THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY God hath shined" (Psalm 50:2). All of this wonderful transformation to the abominable conditions of iniquity and inequity which at present cover the earth, will be begun when shortly after the manifestation of the sons of God, revealed and exalted to the glory afore prepared for them, the ancient prophecy quoted in Jude 14 and 15 will be fulfilled. "The Lord cometh with ten thousands (myriads) of his saints to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed."

Beloved brethren, "Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted WORTHY to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and TO STAND before the son of man," Luke 2:36. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US," Rom. 8:18.

Father, Son and Holy Ghost

By CHARLES E. MILLER

VERILY, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." St. John 14:12.

Do you know the Word of God says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"? Col. 2:8.

Do you know that Christ means the Anointed of God?

Do you know that Christ said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Do you know God said in the beginning, "Let us make man in our image"? Gen. 1:26.

Do you know that us means two or more persons or beings?

Do you know the meaning of our is more than one?

Do you know that Jesus sits on the right hand of God? Heb. 1:13; 10:12.

Do you know that the Son must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet, and then will the Son be subject to Him that put all things under His feet,

that God His Father may be all in all? 1 Cor. 15:25-28.

Do you know that not yet all things are put under Him? Heb. 2:8.

Do you know He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God, by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them? Heb. 7:25.

Do you know that Jesus prayed to His Father and said, "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was"? St. John 17:5.

Do you know that Jesus said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me"? St. John 6:38.

Do you know that there are some people who say when Jesus arose from the dead, He rose to be the mighty God?

Do you know when Jesus rose from the dead He said to Mary, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God"? St. John 20:17.

Do you know that Jesus prayed to His Father and said, "Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world"? St.

John 17:24.

Do you know that it is in the body only the fulness dwells?

Do you know that it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell? Col. 1:19.

Do you know He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God? St. John 3:34.

Do you know that "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"? St. John 3:36.

Do you know that the name of the Son of God is Jesus? Matt. 1:21.

Do you know that there is a great difference between a man's name and the man himself?

Do you know that you can have a man's name and not have the man of the name?

Do you know that there are three distinct Jesuses in the Bible? There is one, Bar-Jesus, a sorcerer. Acts 13:6. Jesus Justus, Col. 4:11, and Jesus who is the Son of God. If you do not say and do like the Son of God said, you have not made any difference between Jesus the Son of God and the others.

Do you know Jesus said many would come in His name saying they prophesied in His name, cast out devils in His name and in His name did many wonderful works, but He will tell them He never knew them? Matt. 7:23-24. They knew His name but did not know Him as the Son of God.

Do you know that there are some people that say Jesus was the Son of God in flesh and God Himself in spirit?

Do you know that Jesus when hanging on the cross said, "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost"? St. Luke 23:46.

Do you know that in Rev. 3:12 Jesus said four times that His Father is His God and in the 21st verse that He is His Father?

Do you know that the spirit of holiness declares Jesus to be the Son of God? Rom. 1:4.

Do you know that the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are three and they are one? 1 John 5:7.

Do you know if we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son? 1 John 5:9.

Do you know you can take three and make one but you can't take one and make three unless you divide?

Do you know that in Rev. 22:18 it says if a man shall add unto these things God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book? And in Rev. 22:19 it says if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this prophecy God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life and out of the Holy City and from the things that are written in this Book.

Do you know that Jesus said in Matt. 28:19 to baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. And He said it just like God His Father said it to Him? St. John 12:49.

"And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." St. John 12:50.

Do you know that Matt. 28:19 is a commandment of Jesus?

Do you know that the Word of God says in James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all?"

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." St. John 12:48.

Do you know that Father is a name of what he is towards a Son?

Do you know that Son is a name? Heb. 1:4-5.

Do you know that Holy Ghost is a name and is the third person of the Holy Trinity?

The meaning of Trinity, the union of three in one, generally applied to the ineffable mystery of three persons in one God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Gen. 1:26; Isa. 48:16; Matt. 3:11.

The meaning of Ghost is spirit. St. John 3:8.

Do you know that Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him"? St. John 14:21.

Do you know that there is what is called the New Issue of the Evening Light and is also noted in various places as the Apostolic Faith and Jesus-Only, that say to baptize in the name of the Lord Jesus as the Apostle said? But not like Jesus said in Matt. 28:19.

Do you know that in 1 Cor. 11:3 it says, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"?

Dear ones, I feel the need of sending the warning out to others that they may know the truth for Jesus said the truth shall make you free indeed. For about ten months I was deceived in that doctrine and thanks be unto God one night in the early morning in a hotel in the little town of Westminster, Md. I had a vision and in this vision I saw myself fighting the Son of God away and many other things which space would not permit in the Evangel to tell but the last thing I saw was three doves up over my head. Thank God for the Holy Trinity, the union of Three in One, God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Pray much for me, you who read this, that I will be what the Son of God would have me be and that I ever will be true to the Church that Christ shed His own blood to purchase, "The Church of God."

I pray that this might be the means of helping some soul that is about to get into error or perhaps is already in. May God bless it to its needed cause, Amen.

REPORT OF THE NORTH GEORGIA CAMP MEETING

We, the people of North Georgia, are thanking God for the ten days' camp meeting held here at Canton. Many have come to know the truth and have seen the light of holiness. Nowhere have I seen such throngs of people listen so attentively to the Word as the crowds that attended our services. The large tent, 50x80, could not seat all the people who came out; many were obliged to stand on the outside. Sunday night about two thousand people were gathered in and about the tent.

Brother Johnson, our state overseer, was in charge. He truly fed our souls on heavenly food. Brother Evan Ellis of East Chattanooga, Tenn. preached Saturday morning on "The Unlimited Power of God." It was a wonderful sermon. We enjoyed having Brother and Sister Milo Cross of Illinois with us and also hearing them preach.

Brother James Cross was here with his guitar and sang for us. We surely enjoyed that and also his preaching. We appreciate Brother and Sister Waters and the help they gave us in our song services.

We were truly glad to have quartet No. 2 sing and play for us. The people of Canton were amazed at their musical talent and the shine of salvation on their faces. They made friends with everyone here. On every hand the people of the other denominations here tell us that they enjoyed the good preaching, singing, and music immensely. Until now the people here have strongly opposed the Church of God, but the camp meeting has awakened them to the fact that the Church of God really stands for the Bible and nothing else.

Pray for the little church that was organized here this year. We feel that there is a bright future for the church at this place.—Gwendolyn Edge, Canton, Ga.

GOD HEALS

Glory to God. I am thanking God today for the deep settled peace that I feel in my soul now, also thanking God for His healing power and the reality in trusting in Jesus. I am glad I can say I'm one of the redeemed, trusting God for the healing of my body. I asked God to heal my baby of a bad case of sore eyes. He has wonderfully healed little Louise. I am so glad I am trusting in Jesus and I am praying every day for more faith and more of the love of God in my life.

We have a little band of saints here at Ft. Green Springs, Fla. Pray for us to lift the standard high to a sin cursed world. Pray for my loved ones to be saved before it is too late. My sister is suffering in her body and is in sin. Pray and fast that the Lord will save her sick soul soon. Pray for us to stand true until Jesus comes.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. T. J. Durrance, Ft. Greene Springs, Fla.

Our Title to His Presence

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

HAVING therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, Heb. 10:19.

FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION

The above text speaks of a provision made for the child of God, that restores to him and the fallen race a fellowship and communion based upon the blood of Jesus Christ. It no less admits the fact and presence of sin among the creation which has separated it from God, which in its original state as mentioned with the creation of mankind, traces itself to the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Their transgression has caused that the whole of the human race has been born into the world alienated in their affection from God. Before their transgression mentioned in Gen. 3, God was accustomed to commune with Adam, however, though this communion was not entirely destroyed after their sin, it is particularly evident that the shame of His sinful creature and the highness of His holiness prevented further fellowship after God had promised a coming judgment and Savior as mentioned in this same chapter, except through sacrifice. The blood of the everlasting covenant was prophetically brought into view in verse 21, which spake of Christ as Savior and sin-bearer for the whole human race. His sinning creatures were divinely provided for, through some form of sacrifice as constantly mentioned and in fulfillment throughout the Old Testament. However, God hid His face from them, and their sins separated between them and their God, leaving the only avenue of approach unto God through sacrifice and offering.

OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICE

In the Old Testament the high priest and sacrifice became the medium through which Israel might approach God. It was perfectly in order that both the sacrifice and high priest were connected in making reconciliation for the sins of the people. Christ, our High Priest and sacrifice, was one and the same person. The high priest was himself a type of Christ as was also the sacrifice. For individual cases of sin the high priest might offer sacrifice at any time when an Israelite became defiled with sin. This still affords the proper method of dealing with sin, when a believer becomes contaminated with sin he should confess it and put it out of the way by pleading the blood of Jesus Christ. However, what was more particularly suitable was the offering of the "yearly sacrifice" on the "Day of Atonement" to offer for the sins of the people as a whole, or for that nation. It broadens the plan of salvation to include every Israelite and was itself identical with God's promises to Abraham. What an individual might obtain by the offering of his sacrifice, every member of the entire nation of Israel might

also inherit through the sacrifice on the day of atonement, which itself pointed to Christ.

JEWS AND GENTILES PLACED IN FAVORED POSITION

After the coming of Christ to die on the cross "for the sins of the whole world," 1 John 2:1, Jews and Gentiles were placed in the same favored position (Eph. 2:14). The great chasm of the fall which existed before Christ "died for us" was through Him bridged, making it possible for all mankind to return and seek God and enjoy communion with Him. God's plan of salvation during its present stage offers no blessing to one that another may not obtain. We are all "made nigh through the blood." We may all "come boldly to a throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need."

THE HOLIEST OF ALL

The sacred cube of the Holy Place typified God's "Holiest of All"; now located in the heavens "where Jesus Christ our forerunner is for us now entered to appear in the presence of God for us." Into the Holy Place of the Old Testament the high priest alone might enter, "once each year," but not without blood. The blood was then as it is now, it was "the title to the Divine presence." It remains the same, there is no alternative. God's sacred presence will always remain secluded from sinful man. The world "by wisdom knew not God" and it knows no more now than it did 2000 years ago. God remains the same unchangeable being, shrouded in mystery, separate and apart from mankind, except as approached thru Jesus' name. To mention that name that is above all other names, is to recognize the blood of the atonement. To plead its merits and His name in prayer entitles the individual so doing to recognition in "the holiest of all."

CHRIST AS MEDIATOR

There Christ sits (Gal. 3:20) as a Mediator between God and man. Christ is a faithful and compassionate High Priest over the house of God, whose duty it is to mediate the settlement of differences between God and man when approached in faith and for that purpose. As the high priest was ordained of God to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people, even so must Christ who has "had somewhat to offer" (Heb. 8:4), represent the sinner Godward. All heaven moves at the command and name of Jesus, "all power both in heaven and earth has been given into His hand. Every sinner will be passionately considered, and his case properly presented for adjustment on the basis of his faith in the shed blood.

BELIEVER PRIESTS

What is so strikingly interesting though, is not only the manner of approach unto God for the sinner through the blood of Jesus Christ, but the way and manner in

which he recognizes His own children. It is "with boldness—"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter." The word "boldness" may be equally translated "liberty." The point of recognition is instant, affording us the privilege of entering into the presence of God into the "holiest of all" at any stated or given time when occasion demands or the individual desires. There is no deferred appointments, no waiting your turn. God is not busy with others to the extent that He cannot receive us when we call. He is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, therefore, capable of doing, knowing and serving instantly everywhere. Christ, our High Priest, abides within the sacred precincts of the Holy of Holies for the age. He appeared there with His own blood which is our title to His presence. Whereas the high priest alone might enter the Holy Place under the Old Testament covenant, the fact that our High Priest, Christ Jesus, abides there for the age, affords us the privilege to come whensoever we will. God has recognized us there with Him, having quickened us together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses. We are reckoned to be "dead unto sin" (Rom. 6:11) by the crucifixion of the "old man" (Rom. 6:6), and we are supposed to account that "if we be dead with Christ, that we shall also live with him" (Rom. 6:8). We are so reckoned of God as "buried with him by baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col. 2:12). If we "be risen with Christ" we are therefore commanded to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God (Col. 3:1). Such liberal provision made with such completeness does particularly and essentially demand and command us that we "seek" without delaying those things which are above where Christ sitteth. Boldness is provided for, implied, and expected. We have through Him each of us become a believer priest, having access not only to the "holiest of all" but to "those things where Christ sitteth." We do not have to wait on the day of atonement. We no longer wait on the slaying of a sacrifice. It has been made for us thru Christ, and the day of atonement has lasted for now nearly two thousand years; during which time God has waited to receive "all that come unto God by him."

THE BLOOD AND THE SPIRIT

These two elements are particularly associated together in redemption and communion. The blood affords us proper sanctity from a defilement, making the approach Godward in harmony with the existing state of His person and presence as to His holiness. We are not only made nigh by the blood, but the purpose of Christ's death was to sanctify us by "his own blood" (Heb. 13:12). Though we tabernacle in the flesh, the state and standing of a redeemed and sanctified saint with Christ is that "both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one" (Heb. 2:11). Such provision does not permit sin to deter or hin-

der us in our communion, if we have been judged through the death of Christ and sin put away and kept away from us. However, one provision which stands out as a pinnacle of paramount importance is not only the provision of the precious blood, but that we be filled with and possess the Spirit which gives both utterance and "access" (Eph. 2:18) to Him. The blood provides holiness by cleansing, which applies to personage only. The Holy Spirit provides a contact with God who is Himself Spirit. Without either of these essentials the communicant is rendered incommunicable. The blood for our sins, and sanctity, but the Holy Spirit provides for us to receive from the living God spiritual power and nourishment suitable to our spiritual nature in harmony with God who is Spirit.

NAZIS PUNISH COMRADES WITH PARADES OF SHAME

MUNISH.—The punishment of forcing offenders to undertake penitential pilgrimages through the public streets has hitherto been mainly reserved for Jews. It has now been extended by the Nazis to erring members of their own ranks. A vision flashed before my eyes one night during the World War, displaying as it were a newspaper. The headline read: "There is a great fiery hand resting upon the people." Since the war an iron hand has rested upon the people of Europe, especially, Italy, Germany, Russia, and the Balkan States. The European nations are certainly bowing beneath a heavy and iron hand. Civilization cannot emerge from such autocracies.

The above report is indicative of the tremendous departure from the principles of righteousness. These conditions tell us that the "world is waxing worse and worse" and that the coming of Jesus is drawing nigh.

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

WHAT IS THE STORY OF YOURS?

Author Unknown

Sent in by Leslie Hesketh, Belfast, Me.

I once lived in Eph. 2:12, and walked in Eph. 2:2. My conversation was in Eph. 2:3, but being brought to Eph. 2:1 and finding my prospects in Rom. 3:10-20 were very bad, I called at Matt. 11:28, was conducted to Col. 1:13, and dwelt in Psa. 84:10. I heard of a mansion built for me at John 14:2, by One who lives at Heb. 4:14. The house I sought for I found at 2 Cor. 5:1. The house has but one door which I found at John 10:9, and one knocker which I saw at Matt. 7:7.

My address for the present is Eph. 2:6. Call any day at Prov. 8:34 and you will find me as well as others. If you call, attend to what the servants say in Luke 14:17. When 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 is fulfilled I expect my home to be in Rev. 22:1-5, and Rev. 5:9 is the song I shall sing in that day.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

MISSION WORK IN MEXICO

We made an appeal for an increased effort for the general mission funds last week, as the responsibility of the mission cause demands that there be an increase of these funds. Today I am calling attention again to the needs of the work in Old Mexico. We have a building there that is under construction and enough to pay about half for the labor has been appropriated or given. We are very anxious to see this work go over the top, as there is quite a number of native Christians there and the opportunity is one of unusual surroundings. We received a check yesterday in the amount of \$100.00 to apply on this work, from a friend out West. This was a God-send at this time. I wonder if there aren't some others who feel that they should make some donations to this work or other of the mission fields?

With the wide-spread of organized Atheism and other sinister influences, it will not be safe to simply build upon the sands of temporal or earthly things. The coming of Jesus is nigh at hand and unless you have used your finances for the Lord, both you and your property and fi-

nances may all be left behind to face the Antichrist. Your property will be confiscated and lost to you as the peasants have lost theirs in Russia. Jesus commanded to lay up treasure in heaven where thieves do not break through and steal. You are not only in danger of having your wealth stolen from you by thieves but of losing it to the Antichrist whose kingdom is budding forth.

It looks like if the spirit of the devil can inspire men to spend their money for the advancement of Atheism, that those whom God has so wonderfully blessed could do more for Christ who has redeemed them. Or can it be that we are playing with religion and are not in fact redeemed. If it is a fact, let us so treat it and so act as both it and the Word of God is fact. When we refuse to be moved by the "perilous times" that are everywhere upon us, and refuse to use our influence, time, money and all that we have for the kingdom of God, we do so mitigate the appearance of our salvation and its realities that I am made to wonder if many of God's supposed children are simply duping themselves. Come on and let us show our colors and do something more for the mission fields.

REVIVAL AT AVERY, MISS.

I want to sound a note of praise for the great refreshing brought us through the Word by Brother and Sister E. W. Wright, of Hattiesburg. We are so thankful that the Lord sent them our way. It seemed in the beginning that all our efforts would meet defeat, but praise the Lord, after a few nights' hard labor the mighty power of God struck as of a mighty, rushing wind. Bless His good name! People were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting ran three weeks and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were seven saved, six sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and seven added to the Church. Brother Wright temporarily set up the church but we are going forward with the work, expecting Brother Wright back soon with the district overseer to get the work lined up.

We thank Brother and Sister Wright for their untiring efforts to build up the work here. They labored both day and night, the Lord blessing in a wonderful way. After closing the revival Brother and Sister Wright came back and last Sunday organized a little Sunday School with thirty in number. We want to ask the dear saints everywhere to pray much for the work here.—Mrs. W. W. Roberts, clerk.

WE WILL REAP IF WE FAINT NOT

PULASKI, Va.—This is to announce that we have a new church at Mt. Hebern, Va. set in order by the writer. We've been laboring faithfully at Mt. Hebern for three years. This was a Wesleyan Methodist church. Its members believe in sanctification and in time past there were a good body of people who claimed the blessing of sanctification. But when the light came on the baptism of the Holy Ghost this body of people denounced the doctrine and drew gradually back and the church went down and was vacant for two years. Then the International Holiness people rented this building and tried to establish a work there but failed and the church building went back to the party who gave the lot the building was on. I bought the church building and began work there. It looked discouraging at times while God's Word tells us we will reap if we faint not.

Last winter I labored there faithfully. We have broken thru and the Lord is blessing. The writer set a Church of God in order there with eight members. In the crowd was a preacher. There are others to come as many are looking this way now. All who read this please join me in prayer that this will become a great work. The building is a 40x55 ft. building with a nice vestibule and it is well seated.—Your brother, W. B. Davis.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

BOGALUSA, La.—I have just closed a two weeks' meeting. The Lord surely did bless us. There were eight saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church and eight baptized in water.

We are going to have another revival soon. We are expecting the Lord to do a great work here in Bogalusa. The church is moving along very nicely. Every one who reads this remember to pray for us.—Your humble brother, Dewitt Sharp, pastor.

WHITE SPRINGS, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the meeting recently closed six miles north of White Springs. People saw the light and some accepted it. There were five or six filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, more were saved and some sanctified. Brother J. C. Pinlon did most of the preaching. The power of the Lord was with us every service. Brother O'Bannon gave us some good messages. We enjoyed it all. We had baptism the last Sunday of the meeting. There were three baptized in water and six were added to the church. This is the age of holiness here at this place. We now have a Sunday School here and God is blessing us in our prayer meetings. Everybody pray for us here that we will stay humble and bear the standard for the King.—J. L. Tomlinson.

DUNLAP, Tenn.—We have just closed a revival here which began July 16th. Much good has been done. Brother J. Walter Thurman of Milo, Tenn. did the preaching while his brother, Floyd, had charge of the singing. Five were saved, three sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water and two added to the church. Others are still to come in. Brother Thurman did lots to encourage the saints and was a big help to the church. He is a wonderful man in the Lord. He is loved here by both saints and sinners. Pray for us at Dunlap.—A sister, Annie Kilgore.

OCHLOCHNEE, Ga.—We thank God for an eighteen days' revival that has just closed twelve miles northwest of Ochlochnee. Brother Godwin and wife, evangelists in the Church of God, accompanied by Sister Ollene Borce of Cairo, Ga., were in charge. There were eight saved, three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank God for this meeting. Brother Godwin gained many friends here. We are waiting for their soon return.—One who loves the Lord, Clarence Rice.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I praise God for a few whole-hearted Christians in New South Memphis and thanking God for Brother A. R. Martin and his family coming here and holding us a meeting

which was very helpful to both sinners and Christians. They are real God-sent people and to know them is to love them. Anyone wanting a revival would make no mistake in getting them. In general they are one of the most perfect families I have ever known. Pray for the work here.—Mrs. H. F. Temple, 10 West Dempster St.

CHERAW, S. C.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, prayers have been answered. We have a little tabernacle to worship in. We thank Him for it. We surely have been having real good old times down at Cheraw, S. C. in the services. Sunday two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

As for myself, I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Baptism. I want you to pray that we may stand true to God and press straight ahead. I want you to pray that my family will get stronger every day in the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. M. Griggs, in care of Cotton Mill.

EMPIRE, Ala.—We are now in a revival at Double Springs. We feel the great presence of the Lord with us. There has been wonderful healing both in soul and body. The writer is in charge.—John Raynor and wife.

DUNN, La.—We are in a revival at Dunn. The Lord is blessing. Brother S. C. Chambers is in charge. He is doing some good preaching. Brother R. P. Johnson was with us and preached a wonderful sermon Wednesday night. The services have been going only five nights and one has received the Holy Ghost, others have been saved. There is good interest and much conviction. Pray for Dunn.—E. M. Tapley, pastor.

COVINGTON, La.—We are still in a revival at Covington under a tent. Interest is good and crowds are increasing each night, with ten or eleven in the altar every night. Two have been saved and sanctified. The meeting has been going a week. We have no altar help and need some badly. We need lots of prayer here. We want to set a church in order here before we leave.—J. B. Cole, Overseer of Louisiana.

HARRIMAN, Tenn.—A revival at Harriman is now in session with B. O. Rosenbaum, evangelist; A. Berardi, coworker; Miss Ruby Davis, pianist. A number are at the altar and three have been saved. We are looking for a great time. Come over and help us.—F. D. Davis, pastor.

PINE HILL, Ala.—We are in a revival at the Sunny South Church of God. It just began Sunday, Aug. 13. One has been reclaimed and several are in the altar. Pray for this meeting that many souls

may find the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, W. W. Morgan.

MEADVILLE, Miss.—I am here near Meadville in a meeting. Large crowds attend every night. The Lord blessed last night in the message and about twenty came to the altar. The power fell during the altar call and some ran to the altar crying out to God for mercy. Pray that many souls will find God in this meeting.—Yours for Christ and His church.—Wm. R. Fowler, state evangelist.

MIRACLES ARE BEING PERFORMED

I am thanking God for His matchless love toward His children. I'm glad of salvation and the sweet peace I have abiding in my soul just now. About four years ago the dear Lord came into my life and He is just as dear to me this morning.

The Lord is blessing us here at this place. He has sent many blessings down upon us in wonderful ways, bless His name! About two weeks ago we had the privilege of hearing one of the best sermons or messages that we had ever heard. Brother S. C. Swaggerty came from Chattanooga and delivered a message on "The Need of Christ." It was given out under the mighty power of God. Brother Swaggerty is the pastor of this church and lives in Chattanooga, and owing to finance, he does not get to come as much as he would like to, or near as much as we would like for him to. He is one of the humblest men I believe I ever met, always wearing a smile. If you have never heard him preach, you should do so.

I would like to say a few words in regard to some wonderful miracles wrought by God thru His believing children. Our baby was real sick, and had been for two weeks. We kept praying and no answer came until we obeyed God and called for the elders of the church and she was instantly healed. We wrote to Brother Swaggerty and asked him to pray for her. We prayed for her too. He wrote back and said he believed the baby was healed and she was. Thank God!

Another wonderful healing I will mention, my brother had two sick children, they were very sick. He sent for the doctor and the first trip he said they had measles. He came back next day and said they did not have any measles and did not have any idea what was wrong with them, so the second doctor was secured, and before he got there the little girl died and went on to Glory. Both doctors said they did not know what was wrong, and they could not name the disease. A third doctor was called and still they could not name the disease, and no aid was obtained. The little child still lay suffering on Monday. Five doctors were called and a specialist from Nashville. Around his bed stood five doctors puzzled and vexed. They knew nothing to do and not much to say, seemingly. They told the father of the child that they did not know what to do for the child. The Bible says there shall

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TESTIMONIES



WILL NEVER FORGET THAT HOUR

Brothers and sisters of the Church of God and readers of the Evangel, I praise God for a full and free salvation. I thank God for sending Brother J. M. Snyder of Kannapolis, N. C. to Wilmington. I was saved in his meeting Feb. 17, 1933. I will never forget the hour that the love of God came into my heart. It is the greatest thing on earth to feel the love of God in your soul. I am a boy of fifteen years. I was raised a fatherless boy. I am now in my third year in high school. I am planning to enter the Church of God Bible Training School this term. I want all the saints to help me pray that God will open up the way for me. I have felt the call to go and tell the world the story of how Jesus died on the cross that we might be saved and have a home in heaven. Pray for the church here and remember our fall revival.

My mother is a Christian but my older brother and sister are unsaved. Pray for them to get the love of God in their souls. My mother has been afflicted for years. Pray for her that she may be healed. She is not a member of the Church of God but attends regularly. I thank the Lord because I have good health. Pray for mother and me to stay humble and keep self out of the way so God can bless. My heart goes out to the unsaved of this world. I will be glad to receive encouraging words from God's people. Pray that I may be able to attend the Assembly.—Your brother in Christ, Caldwell Wells, 721 S. 4th St., Wilmington, N. C.

HEALED AT DETROIT CHURCH OF GOD

Mrs. P. Perkins of our local Assembly states: "I was sick for years. One doctor said I had a weak heart and another believed I had a cancer; at last my son took me to Detroit to die, that I might be there with my children to the last. There I went to consult another doctor and he said I had sugar diabetes of five years standing. He said I never would be well again or able to do any work. That was in April 1931.

"I did not take the remedy but determined to trust my God for healing as I had been made to realize that He is still the Great Physician, able to heal our bodies as He did in days of old. Brother Cross, of Detroit Church of God, prayed for me twice. God answered prayer and I was fully and completely healed in August 1931. I have returned home since my healing and have been able to do my work and to eat any ordinary food. I do give my blessed Lord all the glory and praise for healing me."

It is surely a wonderful testimony to the healing power of God to Sister Perkins, who is regularly attending the services. Mrs. Perkins is a member of the

Pentecostal movement in Strothroy, Ont., Canada.—The pastor, Brother Atter.

A WONDERFUL HEALER

I want to sound a note of praise this morning for my blessed King for what He has done for me. I praise Him for healing my body. I took sick Sunday afternoon. That night and Monday morning I suffered untold pain. We called in the saints to pray and I got some better, but Tuesday night I began spitting up blood. I told the dear Lord if He would heal my body I would testify through the Evangel and this morning finds me able to be up praising my blessed Lord. O, it is so wonderful to be trusting such a wonderful Savior, a Healer of all diseases. All who read this pray that I will grow stronger in faith, also pray for my unsaved husband to get salvation.—Mrs. H. W. Houston, Waycross, Ga., Rt. 5.

NO DISEASE TOO HARD

I truly praise the dear Lord tonight for what He means to me. Bless His name! I praise Him because a little more than eight years ago He saved me, later sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and tonight He is real to my soul. I find my Savior a Healer of all manner of diseases or afflictions.

I praise Him tonight for a healing I received in June, of over a year's standing. I've no name for the disease nor didn't go to a doctor to get one. But it is enough to say, it was a wonderful healing, and I am still healed tonight and expect to stay healed. The lesson I got out of the healing is wonderful. I surely praise the dear Lord for His precious guiding hand upon me. I desire every reader to utter a prayer for my home to soon be a home of prayer. Also pray for the church to rise and shine in Port Arthur, Texas.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, 2707 7th St., Port Arthur, Tex.

THE HOLY GHOST A COMFORTER

FORRESTDALE, Ala.—I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I received the Comforter, and how sweet and happy my home has been since then. I am twenty-five years of age and have three children. My husband is saved and sanctified and is living the life, but he wants the Holy Ghost, so all who read this please pray for him to receive the Holy Ghost.

I have a little girl who cannot hear well, please pray a special prayer for her hearing to come back to her. We have services in a mile of us at Forrestdale schoolhouse, we have not been able to build a church. Pray for the Lord to make a way for a church here.

We have services three times a week at this little schoolhouse, although sometimes there are but a few out, yet the

Lord said, "Where only a few gather together in my name I will be in the midst," so we see by that the Lord is with us. Praise the good Lord! I could never tell what He means to me.

I was seriously sick twice in life; the doctor said I could not get well, but the Lord healed me, so I give Him all the praise for it. My mother is dead, and my father and I are the only ones in our family that are saved. I have two sisters and three brothers that are unsaved. Please pray for them to see the light and get saved before it is too late. Our pastor here at this church is Brother Foster Dismuke. He has been here two years and we love him and his family. We believe he has his whole heart in the Lord's work.—Mrs. Maggie Knight.

ENJOYED SPIRITUAL FEAST

MYRTLEWOOD, Ala.—I am so thankful that Jesus saw fit one time to send us the light on this wonderful plan of salvation. I am praising God this morning that I can still report victory over sin. I can still say I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost which He said would be our Teacher and Guide. I'm thanking God because my determination grows stronger every day to walk with Jesus and live a pure, clean, Christian life. Glory to Jesus!

I thank Him for the few saints here who are still working for Him and can still shout the victory. We had a wonderful feast at the service Saturday night. The service started with singing. We had just sung a few songs when the power started falling. It was the grandest meeting most of us had ever been in. There were several messages given. One was, "Jesus is coming soon, are you ready?" Another was, that Jesus called my brother to preach. Oh, how I do pray that he will take up the cross and follow Jesus. He hasn't been very interested in this holiness way it seems, but it looks like he is touched now to the heart. Every one who reads this please pray that God will take his whole life and use it for the advancement of His precious Kingdom.

I was healed of the sick headache that I had been having ever since I can remember. We desire the prayers of all righteous people that we will be found in the center of God's will at all times.—A sister in Christ, Pearl Oliver.

A WONDERFUL HEALING

ELDORADO, Ill.—I wish to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for the wonderful healing I have received of the Lord. For several months I suffered and became helpless. Doctors said I would never get well but praise the Lord I am healed. The church here was praying for me and last spring Brother Rouse came by here on his way to Ohio and prayed for me also. The Lord wonderfully touched my body and I began to gain strength. My limbs that were drawn and stiff have straightened and I have good use of them. We give God all the praise.—Your brother in Christ, Roy Burns.

57 SAVED, 41 SANCTIFIED, 44 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

VERDUNVILLE, W. Va. We just closed a revival at Mud Fork church with the following results: fifty-seven saved, forty-one sanctified, and forty-four filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting ran nine weeks with the pastor in charge. Other ministers came in and preached some few nights.

I have been looking after this church for nearly three years. We have had several revivals with very little results. Finally we decided to pray and wait on the Lord for a meeting. Every saint began praying for God to send us an evangelist. Time went on. One day while in prayer Brother Sam Freeman felt the leading to begin a series of prayer meetings at Whitman's Creek where we have a mission work that is attended by the Mud Fork pastor. At the same time we were feeling the leading of the Holy Spirit at the church to begin a meeting. We were undecided just who to get to conduct the meeting for us. Finally we heard from the church, and they suggested that the pastor begin the meeting and try it a while, and from the very beginning the Lord blessed.

I told the church to get their musical instruments and song books together and let us do our best for the revival, and I will have to frankly say that the entire church did render good service in the meeting. Repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins was preached, also assurance of salvation and adoption as children of God, the soon coming of Jesus and the necessity of following after holiness as a preparation for it were for a long time strongly emphasized. The great truth of the church being the body of Christ appeared also on the horizon. The holiness question was brought to a clear issue.

One night in the altar service the Spirit was manifested in a strong current of wind described in Acts 2:2. Repeatedly persons would cry out and shake violently just as Jeremiah describes, "Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome because of the Lord and because of the words of His holiness." At other times sounds of holy laughter and hilarity would be heard, and the saints would reel and stagger as if intoxicated. In Psa. 126:2 we read, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter." On the day of Pentecost the mockers said, "These men are filled with new wine." Others related visions and dreams while others would fall in trances. Turning to the Bible I read, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams" Joel 2:28.

Just such a revival I have never witnessed in my ministerial experience. Baptist ministers, holiness fighters and such were made to believe and come to the altar. In the number who were saved less than six were under eighteen and none under twelve. Forty-one were baptized in

water and thirty-nine added to the church. The idea of the pastor not having a revival in his own church where he has been pastoring for a few years is a wrong idea and should be moved out of the way. —C. H. Blankenship.

Y. P. E.'s ENCOURAGED TO DO MORE FOR JESUS

DUNN, La.—I am praising God for His blessings to me and for the way He has been blessing here. On April 1st we began a meeting here. Brother J. M. Cockerell did most of the preaching. About twenty-five inspiring sermons were given by him and were enjoyed by a large audience. The Lord is blessing over all opposition. I don't know just how many got thru to the Lord. Two came into the church and others are to follow. The Lord blessed in spite of all the hindrances of the devil. Sister Cockerell preached several inspiring sermons which were great-

ly enjoyed. Brother E. M. Tapley, our pastor, was at his post of duty at all times rendering his service in every way. Our state overseer, Brother J. B. Cole, and wife spent as much time as possible in the meeting. We appreciate those dear people and their help here. They are truly doing all they can for God and the up-building of the work in general.

On May 14th our state convention of the Y. P. E. convened at Dunn, La. Sister Lois Cockerell, our state superintendent, was in charge. She is well on the job with encouraging words and helps for the young people. We appreciate her efforts to make the convention a success. It was the first Y. P. E. Convention we have had in the state and it was a success. The programs that were rendered were much enjoyed. Every member of the Y. P. E. left the convention more encouraged than ever to do more for Jesus.—A lover of the Lord, Amanda L. Fuller.

VALUABLE INFORMATION

I have something good to tell you. I am sure you will be glad to hear that there is a way for you to come to Bible School. You perhaps have been praying that God would open the way. Well, you know the Word of God tells us that before we call He will answer. He has heard your cry and down at the Publishing House at Cleveland, Tenn. a little book is being published for your benefit and to aid you in coming to school. Of course you will have a large part to play in the matter for God always has to prove us and try us to see what kind of metal we are made of. You know that He has no use for a lazy man or woman in His work. Now if you are willing to work early and late until school, you can make enough to pay your way through school, but if you say like Moses, "I am slow of speech, and I just can't meet the public," then you will not get to Bible School. But if you have a determination and are willing to work, then you will be in Bible School next year, for this little book we are publishing will help you through. The name of this book is "Consolation for the Tempted and Tried." It will be a book that will sell easily for every one is going through trials and testings these days, and this book will appeal to the people of all churches and you do not need to confine yourself to your own church alone. You can do house to house canvassing which will be very valuable experience for you if you ever expect to be a soul winner. You will have a chance to get into the homes and meet strangers and invite them to church and this will be doing missionary work as well as helping you.

To any church that is considering putting a student through school, this will be a very good way to help you. Send for 100 of these books and distribute them among your people to sell among their friends. In a few days they will be sold and you will have \$15.00 for your work. We will send you books as fast as you can sell them. Write to me at once and I will send you complete particulars and get you to work at once. Please enclose stamped envelope. —Sincerely, Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

-:- Sunday School Lesson -:-

Lesson 10—September 3

DAVID

Text: 1 Sam. 16:4-13; Ps. 78:70-72.

Memory Verse: 1 Pet. 5:7b.

Time: About 1030 B. C.

Place: Bethlehem.

Golden Text: Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16:7b.

Leading Thought: The condition of the heart is of more importance than the outward appearance.

THE SEEKER OF TRUE GREATNESS

V. 4. "And Samuel did that which the Lord spake." He still runs true to his boyhood response, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3:1, 10. "And came to Bethlehem." Bethlehem means the "house of bread," and is located six miles south of Jerusalem, on a rocky backbone of Palestine. Ruth and Boaz, ancestors of David, lived there. Christ was born there, Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:5. "And the elders of the town trembled at his coming." Literally went with trembling to meet him. Perhaps, they thought He was coming to vindicate some crime that had been committed. "And said, Comest thou peaceably?" They knew that when Samuel found sin and things out of order they were in for rebuke.

V. 5. "And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord." "Samuel, it seems, was accustomed to visiting various localities at uncertain intervals for the purpose not only of holding courts of justice and redressing grievances, but of justifying religious services, and offering sacrifices. Religious matters were at this period in an abnormal state. No sanctuary had taken the place of the destroyed shrine at Shiloh; the ark was deposited in one spot, the tabernacle in another; and in the absence of discipline and the enforced inaction of the regular priesthood, the prophet was permitted or authorized to perform sacerdotal functions, and by circuiting among the outlying population to keep alive in the land the knowledge of God. Ostensibly on one of these irregular visits Samuel had come to Bethlehem."—Rev. William J. Deane. "Sanctify yourselves." That is, they were to wash and purify themselves by abstaining from everything unclean. Ex. 19:10, 1 Sam. 21:5. "And boy and as such had not been thought worthy to come with me to the sacrifice." The inference is, that they were unworthy to partake of the sacrifice while unclean. 1 Cor. 11:27, 29. "And he sanctified Jesse and his sons." That is, he took special care that no impurity on their part should hinder the execution of the purpose for which he had called them to the sacrifice. Only the sanctified may share the king's dainties.

SAMUEL EXAMINING THE SONS OF JESSE

V. 6. "And it came to pass, when they were come." That is, as Jesse's sons presented themselves before the prophet for in-

his inspection. "That he looked on Eliab," called Elihu in 1 Chron. 27:18. "And said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." The general appearance of him possibly compared with Saul whom he was to succeed.

V. 7. "But the Lord said unto Samuel." What is here true of Eliab is true of each individual. Look not on his countenance. The face and countenance may have appropriate features, they are not, however, a true index of the heart. "Or on the height of his stature." Physical fitness does not qualify us for divine service. "Because I have refused him." He was lacking in some quality or some divine finish. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth." That is, He is allwise and knows the secrets of each heart, can see our failures before they happen, and our success before it is accomplished. "Thou God seest me." Matt. 12:25; John 2:24. "For man looketh on the outward appearance." Because of his inability to discern the thoughts of the heart, even a mean man can smile and good men may even wear a frown. Yet it is true that men who are godly should recognize God in others. "But the Lord looketh on the heart." Therefore, the character sought for lies beneath the surface. God's decisions are made from realities.

V. 8. "Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel." The prophet in fairness, like God's mercy, gives chance to all. "And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this." Thus some virtue unpossessed here disqualifies a second. We may well put on the whole armor of God if we are to be chosen for service.

V. 9. "Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this." The prophet waits for the voice of God and bestows no human favor since the servant is to be the Lord's. He waits for divine approval.

V. 10. "And again Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these." The divine voice within Samuel to none of these gave response.

V. 11. "And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children?" Literally, lads. The elder sons must have been nearly or quite grown-up, but David was probably a youth of an invitation but had been left with the servants keeping the sheep.—Dean R. Payne Smith. "And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold he keepeth the sheep." God honors humble toilers. David was a shepherd boy and Peter a fisherman. "And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down until he come hither." That is, they would not sit down to the sacrificial feast though the child had not been honored in being called. Here is a good lesson in patience and humiliation waiting God's time.

V. 12. "And he sent, and brought him

to have seen his older brothers invited to the feast and him sent to the field to keep sheep. It will be remembered that the disobedience of Saul disqualified him and certainly obedience could but promote David. "Now he was ruddy." "The word denotes the red hair and fair skin which are regarded as a mark of beauty in southern countries, where the hair and complexion are generally dark."—Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick. "And withal a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to." Thus it is possible that the qualities God sought for, to be found in the heart, might equally be concealed beneath a beautiful face and personage. "And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he." Though the youngest of all and only a shepherd boy he is nevertheless a man after God's own heart and chosen king of Israel.

V. 13. "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren." Possibly neither David nor his family knew why he was anointed. Certainly Eliab did not detect any greatness in David when he came down to the army. Chap. 17:28. They may have thought the anointing was a mark of distinction or call of David into the school of prophecy under Samuel. To Samuel is given the credit of being David's instructor in music. "And the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward." The Spirit of God bears witness with the anointing of David as it did also with Saul, for the purpose for which they were anointed. 1 Sam. 10:10; 16:13. "So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah." Thus returning home after he had performed the commandment of the Lord in anointing David as successor to Saul whom the Lord called to the throne in due time and order.

PSALM 78:70-72

V. 70. "He chose David also his servant." "Ever since David's departure the lyric poetry and the prophecy of Israel direct their gaze backward and forward toward David. The election of David gives its impress to the history of redemption even into eternity."—Prof. Franz Delitzsch. "Though any Israelite might profess himself Jehovah's servant in addressing him, only a few who were raised up to do special service or who stood in a special relation to Jehovah, such as Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Job, are distinguished by this title of honor. Compare 2 Sam. 3:18; 7:5, 8; 1 Kings 8:24; Ps. 89:3, 20; 132:10."—Prof. A. F. Kirkpatrick, D.D. "And took him from the sheepfold." Thus the faithful shepherd of the flock became the faithful shepherd of the nation.

V. 71. "From following the ewes great with young." This is the portion of the flock that needs the tenderest care and David who was not above the humblest task was later exalted to the head of the nation. "He brought him to feed Jacob his people." Jacob stands for the nation of which he is one of the chief founders. Peter, James and John were called from their occupation of fishers to be fishers of men. Matt. 4:19, so was David called from feeding sheep to feed God's people, Isa. 40:11. "And Israel his inheritance." The name Israel, Jacob's other name, has also a national significance.

REQUESTS

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He has been afflicted over a year and a half and believes God can heal. We ask all the people who know the power of God to pray a special prayer for him.—Your sister, Mrs. Steagall, 1264 16th St., Detroit, Mich.

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I ask all Christians everywhere to pray for me to be healed of a cancer on my face. People in my community don't believe in divine healing but I do.—A. B. Phillips, Crawford, Tenn.

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I have been quite deaf for a long time. I know the Lord is able to heal me and I want each saint to pray for me to receive my hearing again.—Mrs. Mary G. Hodges, 7809 12th St., Sulphur Springs.

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Please pray for my husband, that the Lord will undertake and heal his body if it is His will. They have carried him to the T. B. hospital and I know Jesus can heal the same as He can save and He saved him over a year ago. I am going to hold on to God.—Mrs. H. E. Watkins, 36 Henry St., Greenville, S. C.

WAY OF SALVATION MADE PLAIN

RUSKIN, Fla.—We are glad for the revival held in Ruskin. We had our dear Brother Ed Simmons and wife with us for about a month. There were twelve baptized in water, twelve added to the church and several were filled with the Holy Ghost. One received the Holy Ghost this week in the prayer meeting. Brother and Sister Simmons did some wonderful preaching. He certainly gave the folks the Word of God. I believe I have never heard the B'ble given out plainer. He surely made the way of salvation plain and Ruskin has no excuse now. We love Brother and Sister Simmons and appreciate them much. The offerings were small, they didn't get expenses but I never heard them complain. They were faithful and did their best. This is a new place and I ask all the saints to pray that we will soon have a building and a good Church of God here. The devil is doing his best to hinder the work from being established here, but God is able to give victory. Pray that the new ones will be true and God will put down false doctrine and show the people the true and only way. I have a mother, father, two sisters and two brothers who have this salvation but I have two brothers and one sister unsaved so please pray for them to be saved.

I'm glad for the Church of God which is the body of Christ. I ask that you pray for me that I will always do my best for the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, Paul Wilkins.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. —Jer. 31:3.

OUR NEW SONG BOOK

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LAWRENCEVILLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Lawrenceville District convention of the Church of God convened at Chauncey, Ill., June 15th to 18th, with Brother Tony Ford, District Overseer, in charge.

On the opening night (Thursday) Brother E. E. Black, pastor of the local church, gave the welcome address, responded by Brother White of Terre Haute, Ind., and Brother Tony Ford of Lawrenceville, Ill. Friday morning saints from other local churches began to arrive and did so throughout the convention. We had with us brethren and sisters from Terre Haute, Shelburn and Coalmont, Ind. Our big-hearted Brother and Sister Black (pastor) gave all the saints a hearty welcome in their home by giving place in their shady lawn, on which a forty foot table was spread, full of good things to eat at each meal throughout the convention, furnished free to all by saints of the local church, including free entertainment as well.

On Friday morning service opened with a good song and prayer service, followed by Brother Ancel Newton, of Olney, Ill., subject, The Need of Prayer. He surely preached it with power and encouraged the saints to pray, pray, pray, and truly we feel the need of prayer. This was followed by a sermon by Sister Black, on "The Effect of Prayer." The Word went forth with power by the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The saints wept and cried, shouted and danced when blessings came down from heaven. The message was very forceful and inspiring. Friday afternoon services opened with good singing. We had "special" singing, also music by Floyd Standifer, George Lawrence, and Harry Cutt of Shelburn, Ind. Sister Lettie Cross gave a very inspiring message on "Only and Love that existed in the Early Church; how they loved the cause so well that, they sold their possessions and laid it at the apostles' feet and had all things common." The message was so powerful that the Holy Ghost came as a witness in our midst with divine approval. It was truly wonderful! This was followed by songs and a praise service. The power continued to fall until the heavenly atmosphere settled down upon His people. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has in store for those that love and obey Him. At 8:15 Friday night Brother M. P. Cross, State Overseer of Illinois, gave a message on "Show the House to the House." This was very interesting, noteworthy and beneficial to every saint. Praise His name forever! The message was sound doctrine and cannot be denied and disputed.

Saturday morning services opened with songs, prayer and special music. Sister Cross was chosen to fill the vacancy of Brother W. M. Green, pastor of the church at Bridgeport, Ill. Text, Luke 8:25, Master, Master, save us we perish. He commanded the wind and the waves and they obeyed Him. He is the master of every situation. The saints were uplifted and encouraged. The God of Heaven

en poured out another old time Pentecostal blessing. Brother Tony Ford gave us a fine message on "Holiness," or "Seven reasons why we believe in Holiness." This subject was amply handled and the Lord put His approval on it. Saturday afternoon Brother Aba Wagner gave a message on "Loyalty to the Church," and Brother White of Terre Haute gave a message on the signs that were pointing to the coming of the Lord. Brother Newton delivered a message on "Fellowship Among the People of God." How we were made to realize the greater need of love, fellowship and loyalty to each other and to the church. Saturday evening the service opened with songs and praise service, led by Tony Ford. The Lord blest in a wonderful way. Brother Cross gave a message on "The Church." The message was amply handled and rightly divided and he proved what the Church was and what it was not.

Sunday was the closing day of the convention. The saints assembled at the morning service with singing and praises unto God. At this time Sister Cross gave us a fine message on "Great things that were accomplished by the saints of God all down thru the ages, from Abraham until this day and time that we now are living in." Brother E. E. Black gave a message on "Missions," which was very good and made all to feel the need of the missionary spirit of carrying the gospel to those that are in need of salvation. At the close of his message an offering was taken, amounting to \$10.80 for Missions. Sunday afternoon Brother Cross gave a message on "Instructions." This was indeed very fine and made us feel and realize the importance of being obedient to the Teachings of the Church. It was greatly enjoyed and needful as well. The report of the different local churches were given by pastors and we were glad to know that we were going on gaining in spite of the enemy and every opposition, bearing the Cross to wear the Crown. Thank God, how we praise Him for the victory in Jesus' name. At the closing hour of the convention we were favored by special music and singing. The Lord blest us again with another one of those heavenly showers. We give God all the glory. Hearts were made glad, souls were blest, and everyone seemed to enjoy the presence of the Lord. The saints were greatly encouraged and made to feel better equipped to do the things to please Him.

We are all pilgrims journeying to that long sought home where we will meet to part no more.—Charlie E. Richey, clerk.

CHURCH OF GOD PROGRESSING AT UNION, S. C.

UNION, S. C.—We have closed a tent revival which was a great success. Not so many received the Holy Ghost, about ten in all, but the whole town was stirred. Brothers Porter and Charles White were in charge of the meeting. We had a number of visiting ministers with us for which we were glad. Among them was

Brother H. L. Whittington, our state overseer; Brother W. D. Childers, our district overseer, Brother Zeno Tharp, pastor at Greenville, S. C., Brother Yates and quartet No. 2, and a number of others. Sister Martin from Blacksburg preached some for us and was a great help at the altar.

The Church of God is making great progress here at Union. Some say this was the best revival ever held here. The church here is in need of a building. We are doing our best to get one, so pray one and all that God will make a way for us to get a better place to worship in.

Any one wanting a good revival at your church, you would not go wrong, I don't believe, in getting Brothers Porter and Charles White to help you. They are doing a good work in South Carolina.—Yours in Christ, J. R. Mullinax, pastor.

MIRACLES ARE BEING PERFORMED

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be afflictions such as never was before. They left and all seemed to be vexed.

My husband said, "Brother, just let God have a chance to heal your baby." He said, "It looks like I will have to; man has failed." There was no one there to pray then except my husband and I. We began to call on God and really poured out our hearts to God. The baby recovered some and ate a cracker that night. We called in three more of God's children and prayed until midnight for the baby. We kept praying and talking to God about it. I wrote Brother Rouse and I want to say on the day the card reached him the baby was healed. The disease had settled on his speech, but when God healed him his tongue was loosed, and he began talking. He could not walk—had been in bed twenty-one days. We laid the anointed handkerchief on his body in Jesus' name and he walked well. Glory, it's wonderful what God can do for us and will do if we will only let Him! The baby is running and playing, completely healed. How can we ever grieve our Lord any more?

One of the sisters in the church came out to our home one evening. She had had a chronic sore on her limb for some time. She said, "Sister Clark it seems to me if you and Brother Clark and I would go down and pray, my limb would be healed," so we said, "Sister, let's pray then." We went to pray, and such victory came! Her leg was healed and is healed yet. I thought these few brief cases of healing would strengthen someone's faith who was trusting in doctors and medicine. There is much more we would like to say, but space does not permit. We covet your prayers. Anyone needing our service can get in connection with us by writing us.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 5, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Ps. 84:11.

ELECTRA DIST. CONVENTION

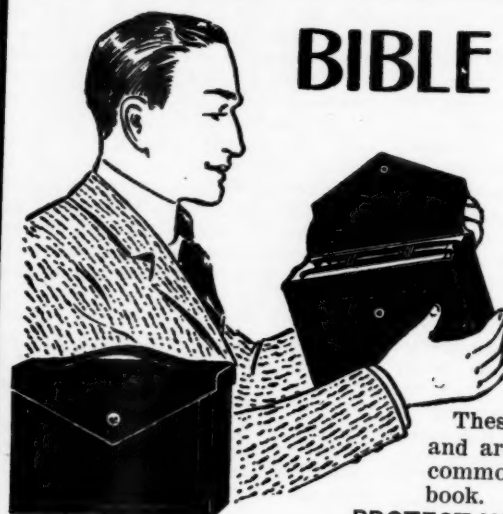
ELECTRA, Tex.—The following is a report in a condensed form of what the Lord has been doing for us in Electra, Texas. We can say of a truth, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psa. 126:3. Brother A. S. Eason of Wichita Falls, Tex. preached for us several nights during the closing days of May. His messages were really deep, Scriptural ones, addressed largely to the children of God.

The Electra district convention convened at Electra June 2-4. The Friday night service opened with song and prayer. The welcome address was made by Brother S. J. Wood, the pastor of the local church, and also the district pastor. The response was given by Brother S. C. Chambers, our state evangelist. After an arousing praise service also conducted by Brother Chambers, Brother Wilmer Henry of Bowie, Texas, preached for us. His theme was "Faith," and was based on Heb. 11:1. Brother J. C. Coats served as teacher in the Saturday 10:00 a. m. service. Brother S. J. Wood conducted the Saturday p. m. Bible study. These were truly enjoyable and profitable discussions. The Saturday evening services opened with song and prayer. Sister Essie Mae Johnston of Ladonia, Texas, conducted the praise service. God blest in a truly wonderful way. Brother S. C. Chambers delivered the evening message on "The Way of Salvation" from Rev. 20:11. The Sunday a. m. service opened with songs and prayers. At 10:50 Sister Mollie L. Wilson addressed us on the subject of Missions. Her talk was extremely interesting, especially as she touched upon some of her personal experiences in Home Mission work. Of a truth, we should rally one hundred per cent to the call of the mission work. This was immediately followed by a short encouraging talk on the same topic by Brother Coats, asking for more concrete evidence of our interest. At this time the Electra Boys Quartet sang for us. This was greatly appreciated. Sister Lois Cockerell made an inspiring and instructive talk on the work of the Sunday School immediately after the song. This was enjoyed by all. Brother A. S. Eason delivered the morning message. His theme was "Church Government."

Lunch was served on the church grounds immediately after the close of the morning session. The tables held a tempting array of good things to eat. The 2:00 p. m. service opened with prayer, songs and a praise service led by Sister Starks from Oklahoma. This was followed by the representation of the churches. Every church was represented and quite a few of them had a vast number of delegates. Sister Iredelle Walker, made a brief talk on the Y. P. E. and gave each Y. P. E. an opportunity to tell of its work and aim. All too soon, we came to the concluding service, Sunday evening. After song, prayer and a testimony service conducted by Brother Chambers, Brother J. M. Cockerell delivered a message on "Satanism," using Revelation 2:24 as a

text. This message was short but to the point. After goodbyes were said, the Electra convention was soon a thing of the past. The general opinion was that it was fine. The representation was excellent, not only in the district but from many towns in Texas and also a few from Louisiana and Oklahoma. On the night of June 7th, Brother S. C. Chambers began a revival. I cannot record the exact number who received blessings but quite a few came to the altar every night and several prayed thru to the Holy

Ghost most every night. Brother Chambers is truly a man of God. The revival continued until June 24th. After a two-night intermission the revival continued with different young men and women of the church doing the preaching. The revival spirit was still prevailing, the people came to the altar and many wept their way to God and several received the Holy Ghost most every night. The results of the meeting show much promising ministerial possibilities, for which we thank the Lord.—Mrs. Alma M. Shires.

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